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E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, EG, JO, IS, XF, OTRA(ATHERTON, ALFRED)
SUBJ: ATHERTON'S SCHEDULE

1. WHEN I WAS MEETING FEB 14 WITH PRIME MINISTER
BEGIN ON OTHER MATTERS, I TOLD HIM THAT ATHERTON AND
PARTY WOULD BE RETURNING TO JERUSALEM FOR THEIR FIRST
STOP IN THE AREA. I SAID THAT ATHERTON WOULD BE HERE
SOMETIME TOWARD THE END OF THE DAY ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20,
AND WOULD BE READY TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GOI ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21. I TOLD HIM THAT CONTRARY TO MY
TENTATIVE ASSUMPTION, ATHERTON HAD DECIDED IT WAS BEST
TO VISIT JERUSALEM FIRST TO TAKE UP THE WORK AGAIN ON
THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES, SINCE DAYAN HAD INDICATED
HE WOULD PREFER NOT TO GET INTO DETAILED NEGOTIATIONS
OVER LANGUAGE WHILE HE IS IN WASHINGTON.

2. BEGIN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD, AND THAT ATHERTON WOULD
BE EXTREMELY WELCOME WHEN HE ARRIVED NEXT WEEK. HE
SEEMS ANXIOUS TO GO AHEAD ON THE DECLARATION OF
PRINCIPLES EXERCISE AS SOON AS FEASIBLE.
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